

Harlan Community Library Board of Trustees--February 19, 2024

The Harlan Community Library Board of Trustees met on Monday, February 19, 2024, at 5:18 p.m. in the Library meeting room.

Present: Andrew Sandquist, Susan Finn, Dan McElwain, Roy Burkhalter (5:19), Paul Simpson, Bill Early, and Tanya Bruck

Absent: Hope Chipman and Connie Claussen

Also Present: Director Amanda Brewer, City Council liaison Sharon Kroger

President Andrew Sandquist called the meeting to order. Dan moved, Paul seconded to call the meeting to order. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bill, seconded by Dan to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Conflicts of interest are to be stated if and when applicable. None were stated.

Dan moved, seconded by Susan, to approve the January 8, 2024 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's report:

- February youth programming included a cupcake challenge sponsored by Hy-vee and Lego challenge night. Adult programming included an adult craft night making flowers out of book pages and the Great Reading Challenge annual party.
- Upcoming programming includes a Bingo family fun night, adult trivia at the Lounge, and Iowa author about Iowa's lost history on the Titanic. There will be changes made to the current book club.
- The first round of a proposed bill that would eliminate library boards has been declined. Another funnel for the bill would happen March 15th. There is a webinar on how to advocate for library boards. Amanda attended the Legislative Coffee on February 17th.
- The Facilities Committee met with Snyder on the 14th at 4pm.
- There is a foundation board meeting on February 22 at 5:15.
- There is a final candidate for the circulation clerk position.
- Material costs are increasing, which is affecting book purchases.
- January circulation was consistent with past years at just over 4,400.
- 59% of the year has passed, and 55.6% of our budget has been spent.

Motion by Paul, seconded by Dan to approve the bills the director has paid. Motion carried unanimously.

The Facilities Committee met and looked at the itemized budget for outside space. At the next meeting, they will look at next steps for the project.

Old Business:

No old business.

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New Business:

2024-2025 Budget is not yet final.

Our next meeting will be March 11, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion by Bill, seconded by Dan, adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Tanya Bruck, Secretary

These minutes are as recorded by the Secretary and are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.